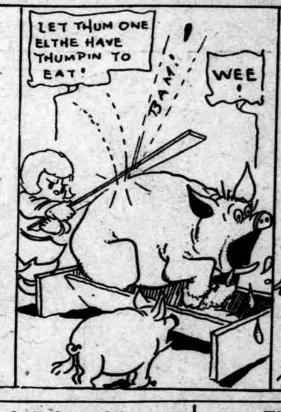
"S' MATTER, POP?"













THE DESTROYING ANGEL

By Louis Joseph Vance

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

Hugh Morton Whitaker, a young lawyer, has been doomed by specialists to an early death. He goes to a hotel, determined to end his life, and there finds an unknown girl who is about to commit suicide because she has been deserted by a man who ran off with her to be married, but who disappeared just after toey started. Whitaker offers to marry the girl, Mary Ladislas, to protect her good name, and they are married as Mr. and Mrs. Morten. Immediately after the ceremony they go separate ways.

By a curious twist of fate Whitaker regains his health, but is reported drowned in the South seas. After six prosperous years in Australia he returns to New York just in time to attend the farewell performance of Sara Law, a prominent theatrical star, who is leaving the stage to become the wife of Carter Drummond, Whitaker's lawyer. In the midst of the play the great actress recognizes Whitaker as her supposedly dead husband and the curtain is hastily rung down. Drummond is reported to have leaped to his death from High Bridge.

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A retired detective named Ember cames to Whitaker with the astounding news that he knows the whole story, is in love with Whitaker's wife, and, furthermore, that he has seen Drummond since his reported suicide. Whitaker is assaulted in his rooms, and Ember takes him to his bungalow on Long Island and leaves him.

CHAPTER TWELVE (Continued.) 66T HAD your telegram, and besides

heard your car just now." "Oh!" There was a signifi cance in the ejaculation which Whitaker chose to ignore as he blandly accepted his frosted glass. "You weren't ah-lonely?" Ember persisted.

"Anything wonderful about that?" in-quired Whitaker sharply. "I fancied from what she said that you two were

rather well acquainted." "Just surprised—that's all," said Em-ber, recovering. "You see, I didn't think the Fiske place was open this year." He stared suspiciously at Whitaker, but the latter was transparently inger

"She expressed an extraordinary wish to see you—told me to tell you."
"Oh! Such being the case, one would think she might've waited."

"She had just started home when you rove in." Whitaker explained with drove in." Whitaker explained with elaborate ease. "She'd merely run over for a moment to inquire after my ankle,

"Thoughtful of her."
"Wasn't it?" To this Whitaker added with less complacency: "You'll have to with less complacency." Tou'll have to call after dinner, I suppose?"
"Sorry," said Ember, hastily, "but sha'n't be able to. Fact is, I only ran in to see if you were comfortable—must get back to town immediately after dinner—friend's case at a critical stage."
"Everybody loves me and worries."

"You haven't seen Drummond—or any signs of him—have you?"

"Eh—what?" Whitaker sat up, start. led. "No, i—er—how should 1?"
"I merely wondered. You see, i—well, to tell the truth, i took the liberty of camping on his trail while in town, with the idea of serving him with notice to behave. But he'd anticipated me, apparently; he'd cleared out of his accussity and a full, long minute to behave. But he'd anticipated me, apparently; he'd cleared out of his accussity and a full, long minute to behave a swell sleuth," Whitaker seminastic morosely.

"You're a swell sleuth," Whitaker she for a swell sleuth," Whitaker sprotected afraid he'd maybe doped out my little scheme for keeping you out of harm's way."

"Oh, I say!" Whitaker expostulated, "I might, but you'd never earn it."

"I wou can't keep track of yourself—" He shrunged yourself—" He shrunged yourself—" He shrunged your rifal marriages yourself—" He shrunged your trial marriages yourself—" He shrunged whether sat up, start. Then you don't know—haven't title least dea where sat is."

"My dear man, I myself am beginning to doubt her existence."

"I don't see why the dickens she doesn't go ahead with those divorce proceedings!" Whitaker remarked, morosely.

"I've met few men so eager for full marriages yourself—" He shrunged when he wall; only the screen was in his way. Against this he flattened by face; and a full, long minute tend by face; and a full, long minute tend by face; and a full, long minute tend when he carefully surveyed what was recognizable of the interior. Sum Fat even held his breath throughout that interminable reconnoissance.

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harm's way."

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"Oh. I say!" Whitaker expostulated, touched by this evidence of disinterested thoughfulness. "You don't really—"
"On the contrary, I do really hold him responsible for that atack on you the other night. The man's a dangerous monomanise; brooding over his self-wrought wrongs had made him such."

"Tou persuade yourself too much, old man. You set up an inference and idolie it as an immortal truth. Why, you had me going for a while. Only last night there was a fellow skulking round here, and I was just dippy enough, thanks to your influence, to think he looked like Drummond. But this morning I got w good look at him, and he's more Drummond than you are."

"Evard for information concerning the whereabouts of one doctle and dormant divorce suit—"
"I might, but you'd never carn it."

"Doubtless. I'we long since learned never to expect any reward commensurate with my merits."

"Ember ushed back his chair and, a staring through the wire mesh of the screen. "Wish you were well enough to go riding with me. However, you won't be laid up long. I fancy. And I'll be back day after tomorrow. Now i must cut along."

And within ten minutes Whitaker the motorcar rumble off on the woodland road.

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sun would find him able to be up and about, to hobble, even with difficulty, at least as much as the eighth of a

nile.
Long shadows darkened athwart the Long shadows darkened athwart the clearing. The bay was quick with moving water, its wonderful deep blue shading to violet in the distant reaches. Dow the golden arm of the barrier beach drifted the laz; purple sails of the coastwise schooners. Gradually these blushed red and the golden arm took on a ruddy tinge, white the blue bosem of the waters was suffused with translucent pink, mirroring the vast conflagration of the western skies.

Somewhere—not far away—a whippeor-Somewhere—not far away—a whippeor-will with plaintive insistence urged the advisability of prompt punitive meas-

In the deepening twilight a mental whitaker's confident contentment. He will be brooding and mumbling curses on the ache in his frost-bitten foot, and was more than slightly relieved when Sum Fat lighted the candles in the living room and summoned Ember to

the invalid indoors.

lasue of The Times. Refuse Baby Buggy Tax.

Be Found in Tomorrow's

cil of Brest levied a tax of 6 cents for the right to wheel vendor's carts through the streets and when they at-tempted to apply to baby carriages, the women refused to pay.

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What it is more not up, eyes mapping. "What did he resemble, thori-"Simply a good-for-nothing vagabond—a tramp," "What of the resemble, thori-"Simply a good-for-nothing vagabond—a tramp." "You don't mean to say you attach any importance to the mere fact that is marting that other people overlook. That's my artituless, I don't suppose it has occupant that the long Island railroad doesn't is a complete that the control of the third that is the Long Island railroad doesn't is the Long Island railroad doesn't is tramp would care to go."

"It's true-I han't thought of that So that makes the appearance of a committee of the complete of the service of the complete of the c

"Not in the least."

"I fancied I saw the flutter of a petticoat through the trees as I came up to the kouse."

"You did."

"Found-a-ah-friend down here?"

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"Friends of yours, I believe. Miss Fiske."

There was unfeigned amazement in the iteration.

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"In Pay of New Jobs.

And all in the face of the fact that he was not at liberty to make love.

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And all this problem the growth of a single day of propinguity!

Be went to bed, finally, far less satisfied with himself than with the lissed with all sorts and descriptions of precious and semi-precious and semi-precious

pose: but he, Hugh Whitaker, was a pose: but he, Hugh Whitaker, was a pose: but he, Hugh Whitaker, was a pose: but he, Hugh Poses pose: but he, Hugh Whitaker, was a pose: but he, Hugh Poses pose: but he designs for jewelry are made by Miss Godwin and Miss Day first as the made out in wax and the jewels set in that substance to get the effect. The metal position is then sawed out of plate metal and etched or wrought, as the case position is then sawed out of plate metal and etched or wrought, as the case making him comfortable, and so knew before Sum Fat had finished making him comfortable, and so knew hothing of the further precautions taken to insure him a night's uninterrupted slumber.

Extinguishing the candie, the Chinaman, moving with the silent confidence of a cat through the tempered darkness of the bed-chamber, closed and latched the outside shutters at the windows, then sat himself down just outside the door to the Hiving-room, to wait and watch, sleeplessly allert.

An hour passed in silence, and an other, and yet another; Sum Fat sat moveless in the shadow, with which his dark-biue silken garments blended his dar

Work Done On Order.

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church as soon as he completes arrange-for Parisian Sage.

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